

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yasushi KAWAKURA et al.

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For: ACCESS CONTROL METHOD AND
INFORMATION UTILIZATION
APPARATUS

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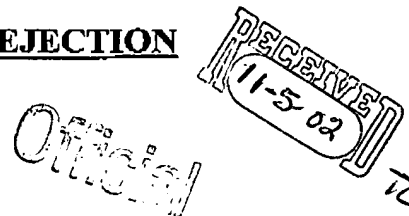
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11-708**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



In response to the final Office Action mailed September 12, 2002, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 9 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The final office action of September 12, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 5-8, 10-13, and 15-18 remain pending. Claims 1-4, 9, and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Pinder et al. (US 6,105,134). Insofar as they apply to pending claims 5-8, 10-13, and 15-18, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The instant claims recite "a plurality of processing units configured to respectively execute different operations on the decoded data." Fig. 2, numerals 210, 214, 218, of the present application provides an example of a plurality of processing units providing different operations, that is a display processing unit, a printing processing unit, and a storage processing unit. Such a